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Applicant: CHRISTENSEN, Carlos M. et al. Conf.:  
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For: RF HOME AUTOMATION SYSTEM COMPRISING MEANS WITH  
DUAL FUNCTIONALITY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) An automation system according to claim 1, wherein the processors of each of the plurality of devices further comprise means for generating a first signal comprising one or more destination identifiers corresponding to controller or destination devices, information related to the operation of the appliance connected the device, and repeater identifiers corresponding to one or more signal repeating devices.

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